

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 23 as with the following amended paragraph:

The suspending element comprises part of a supporting sleeve engaged upon the exterior of the container. In certain cases preferably, the sleeve [[is a]] is a thermal insulating sleeve for the container, the sleeve being comprised of resilient thermoplastic foam, or corrugated paper or a mesh.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14 as with the following amended paragraph:

Advantageously, in such instances, the rim formation of the container comprises a rolled bead of the paper stock, or a folded rim, e.g., in the case of use of traditional ice cream containers that employ a friction fit lid telescoped over the container top.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1 as with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. 16-16E16D are front, right, back, left, top and bottom views, respectively, similar to the series of Figs. 1 to 6, of another embodiment of a container and product according to the invention, which varies in ornamental appearance while achieving the advantages of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 26 as with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 32 illustrates, in position to be assembled with a cup having a cap, a one-piece slip-on device having a support ring and sleeve that are dimensioned, respectively, to engage the rim formation of the cap and at a lower position, the upwardly enlarging wall of the cup, the device

including a suspending element connecting the ring and sleeve, and, when assembled on the cup, providing a suspending loop. Fig. 32a shows the slip-on device assembled on the cup.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 24 as with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. 25-25B, illustrate an advantageous embodiment having a lid 230 and loop assembly 240 formed of two separate but interchangeable interengageable pieces. Loop assembly 240 has a loop portion 242 attached to a wedge-like base portion 244. Assembly 240, preferentially, is molded as one piece, e.g., from a thermoplastic material. Corresponding lid 230 is provided with a slot formation 232 on its upper surface 234 for receiving the wedge-like base of the loop assembly. As illustrated in Fig. 25, wedge-like base 244 is slid in the direction of arrow A into slot formation 232 so that rails 235, 236 of slot formation 232 lock wedge-like base 244 ~~from 244~~ ~~from~~ vertical motion or motion in the direction of arrow A. Lid 230 is also provided with a drinking hole 238 which is covered by wedge-like base 244 when it is engaged with slot formation 232. In this engaged position, illustrated in Figs 25A and 25B, a container having lid 230 can be securely suspended by loop portion 242 of assembly 240 as the weight of the container and its contents applies an engagement maintaining force between wedge-like base 244 and slot formation 232.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 1 as with the following amended paragraph:

In another preferred embodiment, illustrated in Figs. 32 and 32A, a lid 290 is formed with an integrally attached hoop 292 for encircling and supporting the cup. Hoop 292 is attached to lid 290 by an integrally formed strap 294. Hoop 292 is of greater inner diameter than the outer diameter of the lower portion of the cup, but is of lesser inner diameter than the outer diameter of the upper portion of the cup. Thus hoop 292 can be passed over the bottom of the cup and progressively slid toward the top of the cup until the strap is snug against the outer surface of the cup. Meanwhile, strap 294 is passed through an integrally formed lid eyelet 296 to form a loop

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298 for suspending the container. Thus lid 290, hoop 292 and loop 298 are integrally formed of the same material and can act together to supportably suspend a cup engaged by hoop 292.[[.]]

Please add the following new paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

Under 35 USC §119(6)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. Provisional Application 60/262,030, filed January 16, 2001.

Please replace the abstract at page 37 with the following amended abstract:

[[A]]Suspension systems for disposable package for consumable contents includes a
containers are shown. A container may comprise having a surrounding wall of upstanding,
generally flexible material extending from a container bottom to a [[wide]] mouth defined by a
rim formation of greater relative thickness than [[said]] the surrounding wall.], said]] The
mouth may be being of greater than two inch minimum in horizontal dimension and being about
as wide as the horizontal cross section of a top of the container. The suspension system
disposable package further includes a removable ring portion, e.g. of a lid that closes at least
partially closing the container. This mouth, the lid having a rim portion extends extending over
and is removably engaged with the rim formation of the container to form at least part of an
attachment that of the lid to the container, the attachment being constructed to supports the
container and its contents when suspended by the lid, and a A flexible suspending element is
arranged, in turn, to support the ring portion of the suspension system. The extending from the
lid and arranged to be engaged by a thin support element, the suspending element, which has a
lower formed position, is raised to being sized and arranged, with a length less than about 5
inches, such that when engaged by said support element, the suspending element suspend[[s]] the
container by its lid in a position below the support, for at least one of display or [[and]] transport.
The ring portion and the suspending element may comprise a single plastic unit, the suspending
element lying flat, within the planes bounding the ring portion, arranged to be raised to support
the unit. In some embodiments, a A single suspending element, extending extends from a rim
region of the container, the element being located to suspends the package at a tilted orientation.,
such that the lid of the container, so suspended, extends at a greater angle to horizontal than does
the lid of the container when rested upon its [[said]] bottom. Also, a d Display racks are [[is]]
provided for displaying such disposable packages.